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CITY AUDITOR

2022

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

**City Auditor
Recommendations**

CITY AUDITOR

Sec. 26. Mayor's estimate.

(f) A statement from the city auditor of the total probable income of the city from taxes for the period covered by the mayor's estimate.

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Sec. 75. [Suit on bonds or notes.]

No such action to enjoin the performance of a contract entered into, or the payment of any bonds or notes issued by the city, shall be brought or maintained unless commenced within one year from the date of such contract bonds or notes.

Intent?

Sec. 84. [Payment of claims.]

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Sec. 93. [Depositories and investments.]

Council shall provide by ordinance for the deposit of all public moneys coming into the hands of the treasurer in such bank or banks, or building and loan or savings association or companies, situated within the county, as offer, at competitive bidding, the highest rate of interest and give good and sufficient security. Council shall further provide by ordinance for regulations governing the investment of moneys of the municipal corporation and the sale of such investments.

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Sec. 120. Outstanding utility debt obligations.

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ALL CITY

BROADER QUESTIONS

Sec. 22. Emergency measures

All ordinances and resolutions shall be in effect from and after thirty days from the date of their passage by the council except as otherwise provided in this charter. The council may, by a vote of six of its members, pass emergency measures to take effect at the time indicated therein. An emergency measure is an ordinance or resolution for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health or safety, or providing for an emergency in the usual daily operation of a municipal department, in which the emergency is set forth and defined in a preamble thereto.

Procurement?

BROADER QUESTIONS

Sec. 158-1. Resident requirements for certain employees.

Unless otherwise specifically provided by this Charter, all employees in the unclassified service and in the competitive class of classified service of the City shall at all times, during their employment, maintain their residence within the boundary lines of the County of Franklin or within the boundary lines of the counties that border on the County of Franklin, except when assigned to City work outside said counties in which case residency within the counties wherein they work shall be required.

BROADER QUESTIONS

Sec. 230. Hours of labor.

Except in case of extraordinary emergencies, not to exceed eight hours shall constitute a day's work, and not to exceed forty-eight hours a week's work, for workers engaged on any public work carried on or aided by the municipality, whether done by contract or otherwise. The council shall, by ordinance, provide for the enforcement of the provisions of this section.

BROADER QUESTIONS

Sec. 231. Annual reports.

The various officers, boards and heads of departments shall annually report to council in comprehensive and systematized detail, the financial and other transactions of the departments or divisions thereof under their supervision or control. Such reports shall cover such period of time and be made in the manner and at the time that council shall by ordinance prescribe. The city clerk shall compile the reports as the annual report of the city and shall publish such annual report by the production of a permanent electronic record that is made available to the public pursuant to the general laws of the state governing public records.

BROADER QUESTIONS

Sec. 240. Open meetings.

The public bodies of the city shall hold all meetings in accordance with the general laws of the state pertaining to open meetings. In addition to those entities defined as public bodies in the general laws of the state, an entity of the city shall be considered a public body for purposes of this section if its members are appointed by an officer of the city, and the entity has been established and its members appointed for the sole purpose of advising any officer or decision-making body of the city.

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Petitions / Initiatives